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1. SUMMARY: IN A CONVERSATION SEPTEMBER 16 WITH MFA IO DIRECTOR PAWLAK, THE CHARGE COVERED MOST OF THE SUBJECTS OUTLINED IN REF A. IN GENERAL, THE EXCHANGE CONSISTED OF A RECITATION OF ESTABLISHED POSITIONS, WITH NOTHING PARTICULARLY NEW EMERGING. IT WAS AGOOD OPPORTUNITY, HOWEVER, TO USE THE TALKING POINTS PROVIDED IN REF A, AND PAWLAK LISTENED CAREFULLY TO WHAT WE HAD TO SAY. A FEW INTERESTING NEW INSIGHTS EMERGED ON THE KOREAN QUESTION. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MIDDLE EAST, NONE OF THE SUBJECTS WHICH WE WERE INSTRUCTED TO AVOID BRINGING UP (PUERTO RICO, PANAMA CANAL AND THE FRG'S MEASURES ON TAKING HOSTAGES) FIGURED IN THE CONVERSATION. END SUMMARY

2. GENERAL - IN RESPONSE TO THE CHARGE'S QUESTION ABOUT WHAT THE GOP DELEGATION EXPECTS TO BE KEY ISSUES, PAWLAK CITED THE MIDDLE EAST, SOUTHERN AFRICA, DISARMAMENT AND NORTH/SOUTH QUESTIONS. HE PREDICTED AN ACRIMONIOUS SESSION
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IN GENERAL AND SAID THAT MANY OF THE CONTENTIOUS FORMULATIONS

OF THE NON-ALIGNED COLOMBO SUMMIT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE INTRODUCED INTO THE UPCOMING UNGA. HE THOUGHT THERE WAS LITTLE ANYONE COULD DO TO ENCOURAGE A MORE DISPASSIONATE DEBATE GIVEN THE DEPTH OF FEELINGS AMONG LDC'S AND NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. THE CHARGE RESPONDED THAT THE US HOPED THAT THE SESSION WOULD ENCOURAGE NEGOTIATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION AND THAT GOP WOULD PLAY A MODERATING ROLE. PAWLAK SAID THIS WOULD CERTAINLY BE HIS DELEGATION'S WISH, BUT IT WILL HAVE TO BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF "REALITIES WITH WHICH WE MUST LIVE".

3. KOREA - PAWLAK SAID THAT A "HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSION" HAD TAKEN PLACE WITHIN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FOLLOWING THE EMBASSY'S DEMARCHE OF AUGUST 27 ON THE NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION (REF C). HE SAID HIS MINISTER HAD ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS THAT POLAND'S ACTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE RESOLUTION BE DESIGNED TO MINIMIZE ANY IMPAIRMENT OF THE US-POLISH BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. HE REPEATED HIS EARLIER STATEMENT THAT WARSAW ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THIS RELATIONSHIP AND DOES NOT WISH TO SEE IT DAMAGED IN THE MULTILATERAL CONTEXT. HE ALLUDED ONCE AGAIN, HOWEVER, TO THE "REALITIES" OF POLAND'S POSITION AND SAID THAT THE GOP HAS TO TAKE A LOT OF FLAK FROM PYONGYANG FOR THE LIMITED CONTACT IT ALREADY HAS WITH THE SOUTH KOREANS. HE REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO VARIOUS SOUTH KOREAN ATHLETES, PRIVATE CITIZENS AND FORMER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO PERIODICALLY SHOW UP IN POLAND. FURTHERMORE, HE SAID, HIS GOVERNMENT IS GENUINELY CONCERNED OVER THE CONSTANT TENSION IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND THE PRESENCE OF A "TEMPORARY" ARMISTICE ARRANGEMENT THAT HAS LASTED FOR TWENTY THREE YEARS. THE CHARGE RESPONDED THAT WE ARE NOT UNAWARE OF THE "REALITIES" OF POLAND'S POSITION BUT THIS CAN NOT BE CARRIED TO THE POINT OF WINKING AT CO-SPONSORSHIP OF AN OFFENSIVE RESOLUTION SO BLATANTLY ANTI-AMERICAN AND SO UNLIKELY TO PROMOTE THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN KOREA. CHARGE ADDED THAT GOP HAD LIVED FOR MORE THAN TWENTY THREE YEARS WITHOUT A PERMANENT PEACE SETTLEMENT FROM WW II AND THAT THE EXISTENCE OF THE ARMISTICE MACHINERY ALONG THE DMZ DURING THE RECENT SHOOTING INCIDENT HAD SHOWN THE VALUE OF MAINTAINING THE ARRANGEMENT UNTIL A SATISFACTORY ALTERNATIVE COULD BE FOUND. PAWLAK

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REPEATED THAT HIS DELEGATION'S BEHAVIOR DURING THE UPCOMING UNGA DEBATE ON THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE VERY MUCH CONDITIONED BY CONCERN FOR US-POLISH BILATERAL TIES.

4. MIDDLE EAST - IN CITING THIS AS ONE OF THE MOST DIVISIVE ISSUES AT THE 31ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY, PAWLAK SAID HE SEES LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF ANY PERMANENT SETTLEMENT IN THE REGION AS LONG AS ALL PARTIES CONCERNED REFUSE TO BARGAIN

TOGETHER AND AS LONG AS THE "LEGITIMATE" ASPIRATIONS OF PALESTINIANS ARE NOT REALIZED. ON RELATED QUESTION OF ZIONISM/RACISM, PAWLAK SAID GOP STILL BELIEVES RESOLUTION 3379 WAS JUSTIFIABLE AND THAT IT SIMPLY RECOGNIZED AN ESTABLISHED FACT. CHARGE RESPONDED THAT IT HARDLY ADVANCED CAUSE OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THAT US WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM FOR DECADE IF IT INCLUDES REFERENCE TO ZIONISM AS A FORM OF RACISM. FURTHERMORE, SUCH A DESCRIPTION IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE DEFINITION OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION DEFINED DURING THE 28TH UNGA. AS FOR MIDDLE EAST IN GENERAL, USG HAS NEVER CLAIMED A MONOPOLY ON WISDOM, INSIGHT AND STRATEGY. ALL OUR ACTIONS HAVE BEEN MOTIVATED BY SINCERE WISH TO PROMOTE PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION.

5. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE - PAWLAK SAID GOP HAS REAL RESERVATIONS CONCERNING THE YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL OF A SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON DISARMAMENT. HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT DOUBTS THAT SUCH A SPECIAL SESSION WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING MORE THAN WHAT IS ALREADY GOING ON AT THE WORLD DISARMAMENT MEETING. FURTHER, WARSAW IS SKEPTICAL THAT THE SPECIAL SESSION WOULD ATTRACT THE PARTICIPATION OF THOSE WHO HAD BOYCOTTED THE WDC (I.E., THE CHINESE), AS ARGUED BY SOME OF THE COLOMBO PARTICIPANTS. IN RESPONSE, CHARGE SAID US POSITION IS NOT YET SET AND THAT WE ARE WAITING TO SEE HOW REALISTIC A PROGRAM EMERGES FOR THE PROPOSED SPECIAL SESSION.

6. UNRWA FINANCING - POLAND IS NOT OVERLY SYMPATHETIC WITH THE UNRWA'S FINANCIAL PROBLEMS, ACCORDING TO PAWLAK. SOME BILATERAL ASSISTANCE IS BEING EXTENDED TO THE PALESTINIANS, HE SAID, AND THE GOP DOES NOT PLAN TO INCREASE ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNRWA. CHARGE SAID THIS

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WASTOO BAD, SINCE IN OUR VIEW THE ORGANIZATION HAS PLAYED A USEFUL ROLE AND ITS BUDGET PROBLEMS ARE PARTICULARLY ACUTE THIS YEAR. FOR OUR PART, WE ARE WORKING TO INCREASE OUR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION.

7. COMMENT: OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THE POLES HAVE LITTLE ROOM FOR MANEUVER IN MOST OF THESE MULTILATERAL AREAS. THEY DO LEVEL WITH US, HOWEVER, AND THEY WELCOME EXCHANGES OF VIEWS. WE BELIEVE THEY TAKE SERIOUSLY OUR LINKAGE OF THEIR INTERNATIONAL POSITIONS WITH THE STATE OF OUR BILATERAL TIES, AND WE OUGHT TO REMIND THEM FROM TIME TO TIME THAT THE TWO ARE NOT SEPARATE AND DISCRETE REALMS OF FOREIGN POLICY. EVEN IF THEY CANNOT ACT INDEPENDENTLY ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES, THEY CAN EXERT A MODERATING INFLUENCE AMONG THEIR WARSAW PACT BRETHREN. WE WOULD

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